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Billings Area

Fire Restrictions and Closure Plan

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I. Introduction

This Fire Restrictions and Closure Plan is an action plan tiered to the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Restriction and Closure Procedures, dated June 1, 2001 and updated July 2004 (Appendix F). This Plan documents the coordination and decision-making process used to implement fire restrictions or closure in the Billings Area. Fire restrictions impose many limitations on the general public, and therefore should be implemented only after all other prevention measures have been taken. Closures have an extreme impact on the public and fire agencies, and are discouraged except under the most severe conditions. Closures should be implemented only in situations where the public's safety cannot be guaranteed.

Agencies, tribes and counties included in the Billings Restriction Area will be referred to as the cooperators throughout this document. The cooperators include: the Custer National Forest; the Southern Land Office of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; the Billings Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management; the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Crow Indian Reservation; the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation; the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area; Region 5 of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and the Counties of Bighorn, Carbon, Musselshell, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, and Yellowstone.

With all Billings Area cooperators working together, the decision to implement fire ***restrictions*** lies with each of the agency, tribal leaders and county commissioners within that area.

The decision to implement an ***area closure***, associated with an ongoing incident, lies with the agency administrator or tribal chairperson whose land requires the closure.

The decision to implement ***large-scale closure*** lies with the agency administrators and tribal leaders in the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group.

II. Objectives

- A. This plan will provide clear direction and responsibility for the coordination and implementation of fire restrictions and closure within the Billings Area.
- B. This plan will provide standardized wording, criteria, and process for implementing fire restrictions and closure.

III. Area Location

The Billings Fire Restriction Area includes all lands within Big Horn, Carbon, Musselshell, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure and Yellowstone Counties.

IV. Responsibilities (see Appendix B for list of names)

Area Agency Administrator:

This person may be a Forest Supervisor, State Area Office Manager, Field Office Manager, Tribal Chairperson, Park Superintendent, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Supervisor, etc. or a designee.

The Lead Administrator is responsible for:

- Facilitating the decision-making and implementation process.
- Following and endorsing the NRCG Restriction Guidelines.
- Ensuring that the restriction coordinator has the tools they need to perform successfully.
- Ensuring that agency restriction documents are accurate and approved through their legal counsel.
- Ensuring that their agency follows all measures stated in their restrictions document.
- Monitoring the success of the enacted restriction and providing timely feedback to the area restrictions coordinator.

Geographic Restriction Coordinator:

This person is responsible for:

- Facilitating the restrictions implementation and rescission process on a geographic basis.
- Monitoring restrictions activity across all Areas.
- Providing an assessment of conditions and issues to the Geographic Agency Administrators.
- Coordinating the need for large-scale closures across all agencies.
- Maintaining a geographic website for restrictions and closures information.

Area Restrictions Coordinator:

This person is responsible for:

- Facilitating the restrictions process and implementation of this plan.
- Coordinating public notification.
- Gathering all information needed from each cooperator to make informed decisions. Monitoring fire activity, ERC levels, and prevention efforts.
- Notifying the geographic coordinator of the Area's impending restrictions or rescinding of restrictions.

- Communicating and coordinating with neighboring areas on their restriction and closure activity.
- Identifying a person for media contacts for the area.
- Monitoring and gathering information for timely rescission of orders.

Agency Administrator:

This person is the leader and decision-maker for their respective agencies, counties or tribes.

Agency/Tribe Representatives:

They are responsible for:

- Monitoring the local fire danger and informing their agency administrators.
- Notifying the Area Restrictions Coordinator as conditions indicate the need for fire restrictions.
- Assist as needed to ensure public/agency notification of restrictions.

DNRC Representative:

This person is an agency representative that:

- Serves as the State Liaison.
- Is responsible for notifying State Headquarters and state political offices of Area's impending restrictions.
- Helps coordinate county participation in the restriction process.

Local Government Representatives:

These people are responsible for:

- Serving as a liaison for the county commissioners and city
- Keeping County DES and Fire Wardens informed.

Media Coordinator:

The person is responsible for:

- Providing media contacts and Cooperators with fire restriction press releases.
- Keeping the Media Contact List updated.
- Working closely with the Area Restrictions Coordinator on public notification.

V. Decision Criteria

Fire restrictions and closures require a high degree of coordination between all levels within each agency and tribe, between all of the agencies, tribes, and county governments in the restriction area, between adjacent restriction areas, and between the restriction areas and the NRCG restrictions coordinator. This coordination must be continuous from the time restrictions are first proposed until cancellation of all restrictions.

The cooperators in the restriction area will continuously monitor weather, fuel conditions and other factors that will indicate when restrictions or closures are warranted. The decision criteria are a combination of all values, not just one or two. The criteria to consider include:

- Live fuel moisture content
- Initial attack resources are at draw-down level
- 3-day mean energy release components
- 1000- hour fuel moisture content
- Status and availability of adjacent fire resources are at or reaching draw-down level
- High number of human-caused fire starts including operations fires
- Unusually high visitor use.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue
- Regional preparedness level.
- Some significant events are occurring or are about to occur: "hunting season" etc
- Life safety is jeopardized

When fire managers see that the above-mentioned criteria are being approached, discussions on the need for **restrictions** will begin.

In addition to the above criteria for fire restrictions, the following additional criteria need to be evaluated whenever a **closure** is being considered.

- Potential for extreme or blowup fire behavior
- Potential loss of life or property due to extreme fire conditions
- Stage II restrictions are not effective in reducing the number of human-caused fires
- Resources across the geographic area are at a critical shortage level.

When trends indicate the approach of restrictions, Fire Managers from each agency will advise their supervisors and Public Information Officers, and alert outlying offices of impending restrictions to provide enough lead time for prevention signing and for public notification. Many small community newspapers are only printed once a week. Their

deadlines need to be considered. If at all possible, decisions should be made by Monday at 11 am if we plan to invoke or cancel restrictions by the weekend in order to reach the most people. Restrictions should never be implemented during the weekend unless there is an emergency.

If one or more cooperators within the restriction area are considering implementing fire **restrictions**, they will contact the Area Restrictions Coordinator who will call a meeting of all Cooperators within the area to talk about the need to start the restriction process. The decision to go into **restrictions** will be coordinated with adjacent restriction areas/agencies. The NRCG will be kept informed.

Area closures may be necessary for isolated areas where public and firefighter safety is a concern such as around an ongoing incident. Area administrators, tribal chairpersons, or county commissioners from the land where the incident is located will make that decision and coordinate with adjacent agencies through the Restrictions Coordinator. NRCG will be kept informed throughout the process.

The Geographic Area Administrators through the NRCG will handle **large-scale closures**.

VI. Implementation Procedures

The following is a description of the procedures and time frames to be used, and the responsible person to carry out each task. The leaders whose jurisdiction lies within the Restriction Area will agree when to move into each stage of restriction. They have the flexibility to decide how much of the Area needs to be placed under restrictions. Not all of the Area needs to move into restrictions at the same time or be in the same restriction stage.

The final decision to implement fire **restrictions** lies with each agency administrator, tribal leader or county commissioner.

The decision to implement an **area closure** lies with the agency administrator or tribal chairperson or county commissioner on whose land requires the closure. Where more than one jurisdiction is involved, the agencies involved will coordinate these closures. The Area Restrictions Coordinator will immediately be informed of the decision and will inform the other Cooperators within the Restriction Area and adjacent agencies and restriction areas. NRCG will be kept informed during the decision making process.

Geographic Agency Administrators through NRCG will implement **large-scale closure**.

The time frame for going into each restriction and closure should allow plenty of time for public and agency notification in order to deal with signing of the Orders, exemptions, prevention signing, etc. and should be agreed to by all Cooperators.

Coordination with adjacent areas and other affected agencies in the restriction area [Disaster and Emergency Services (DES), Law Enforcement, etc.] that will be impacted is essential. The Area Restrictions Coordinator will notify other areas/agencies of the decision in order to coordinate prevention signing and public information. The Coordinator will also notify large landowners.

Fire prevention signing should be coordinated so the message is in line with the restrictions as they are implemented. Signing will be done by the agency responsible for fire protection.

After the decision has been made to go into restrictions or closures, all employees of all restriction area cooperators should be notified immediately by their agency. The affected political offices (state and county) should also be contacted immediately. This will be the responsibility of the DNRC and local government representatives.

The next step is to issue the appropriate special order. To provide for interagency standardization across various ownerships, the wording for the two restriction stages as set forth in the "NRCG Restriction and Closure Procedures" will be used in all restriction orders. (See Appendix C). Each agency shall have orders pre-written with the standardized wording. The agency administrator, tribal leader or county commissioner is responsible for signing the *restriction* order and *area closure* order and the NRCG agency administrator or tribal leader is responsible for signing the *large-scale closure* order.

Appendix C contains the standardized wording for the two restriction stages as found in the "NRCG Restriction and Closure Procedures."

News releases will be issued immediately so the public has as much advanced notice as possible, one day at minimum. This is the responsibility of the Billings Area Media Coordinator. News releases, brochures, psa's, etc. will be prewritten and agreed upon by all agencies in the restriction area. The use of a fire information/media team to coordinate restriction press releases could be employed if deemed necessary.

All cooperators in the restrictions area will send a **signed** copy of their restriction orders, with designated campfire sites attached, by FAX or mail to the Area Restrictions Coordinator as soon as they are signed. An e-mail copy will be sent immediately. If cooperators go into Closure, a list of exemptions will be attached to the Closure Order and

sent to the Restrictions Coordinator. The Restrictions Coordinator will update the Northern Rockies Fire Restriction website with the current restriction information.

A packet will be sent to each cooperator in the restrictions area consisting of all signed restriction orders with designated campfires sites attached or closure orders with exemptions attached; the news release, and a map showing where the restrictions/closures are located if the entire area is not in the same restriction stage.

VII. Rescission Procedures

The rescission of fire restrictions or closures will follow the same process identified above in Implementation Procedures. Areas should plan restrictions for the long-term danger and not jump at short fluctuations in risk, weather, and fire danger. When rescinding a closure order, enough time should be given to allow for signing of areas that might still need to be closed such as near ongoing fires.

VIII. Communication Plan

Notification of key contacts and the general public concerning the implementation of fire restrictions or closures is essential and should be accomplished immediately so as to avoid confusion. Contacts need to be told why, when, and to what degree they will be affected.

When weather conditions or special circumstances indicate a very high potential for devastating fires to occur, fire restrictions or closure will likely be imposed. When conditions warrant fire restrictions be implemented or changed, each agency, tribal or local government representative will advise their supervisors. All employees should be advised of the situation. The special order will be prepared and signed with enough lead-time to provide proper notifications and make preparations for appropriate prevention signing.

The restriction and closure website is www.firerestrictions.org. Click on Northern Rockies then scroll down on the left hand side and click on the Billings Area. Current Restrictions and Closures will be displayed.

Key contacts will be advised in a timely manner about decisions concerning implementation or rescission of restrictions or closure, see Appendix D: Contact List. This can best be handled through group e-mail process.

Each cooperator is responsible for notifying special use permittees and contractors such as outfitters and timber companies doing business on their land. The DNRC will notify state offices and the local government representative will notify county offices.

The general public will be notified through a combination of media news releases, psa's, prevention signing, and personal contacts. The Media Coordinator will notify all surrounding media outlets to solicit their help in notification of the public about the current situation.

The Media Coordinator will have all press releases available in template format before the start of the fire season. Press releases will be sent to all Cooperators for approval before they are sent to the media. Only one press release will be written for the Billings Area.

All press releases will go through the Media Coordinator unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time.

See Appendix E for the Media contact list. This list will be reviewed each year and updated as contacts change.

APPENDIX A

MAP

Montana Restriction Areas and Divisions

APPENDIX B
NORTHERN ROCKIES COORDINATING GROUP AND BILLINGS RESTRICTION AREA
LEADERS/REPRESENTATIVES

NORTHERN ROCKIES COORDINATING GROUP AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR/TRIBAL LEADER

AGENCY/TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR	AGENCY/TRIBE	PHONE NUMBER
Kathy McAllister, Deputy Regional Forester	U.S. Forest Service	329-3311
Bob Harrington, Montana State Forester	MT Dept of Natural Resources and Cons.	542-4301
Keith Beartusk, Regional Director	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Regional Office	247-7943
Gene Turland, State Director	Bureau of Land Management	896-5012
Karen Wade, Director	National Park Service, Intermountain Region	303-969-2500
Dan McGowan, Montana DES Administrator	Montana DES	841-3911, 800-426-9440

BILLINGS RESTRICTION AREA
AGENCY ADMINISTRATORS AND TRIBAL LEADERS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENCY/TRIBAL/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	AGENCY/TRIBE/COUNTY	PHONE NUMBER
Richard (Dick) Moore, Area Manager	Southern Land Office, DNRC	247-4401
Steve Williams, Forest Supervisor	Custer National Forest	657-6205 x215
Jim Sparks, Field Manager	Billings Field Office, BLM	896-5262
Keith Beartusk, Regional Director	Rocky Mountain Regional Office, BIA	247-7943
Gary Hammond, Supervisor	Region 5, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks	247-2951
Darrell Cook, Superintendent	Bighorn Canyon NRA, NPS	666-2412
John Pretty on Top, John T. Doyle, Jr., and Chad Fenner, County Commissioners	Big Horn County	665-9700 665-9706(fax)
David Davidson, John Prinkki, and Doug Tucker, County Commissioners	Carbon County	446-1595
Larry Leske, Mike Kilby, and Robert T. Goffena, County Commissioners	Musselshell County	323-1104
Dennis Hoyem, , and Maureen Davey, County Commissioners	Stillwater County	322-8010
Lloyd Berg, Philip Hathaway and Elaine K. Allestad, County Commissioners	Sweet Grass County	932-5152
Charlotte Mackley, Roger Knapp, and Doug Hollowell, County Commissioners	Treasure County	342-5547
Jim Reno, John Ostlund, and William Kennedy, County Commissioners	Yellowstone County	256-2701

APPENDIX B (Continued)
BILLINGS RESTRICTION AREA
AGENCY/TRIBAL/COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

AGENCY/TRIBAL/COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	AGENCY/TRIBE/COUNTY	PHONE NUMBER
Jim Sparks, Area Agency Administrator	Billings Field Office, BLM	896-5241
Babete Anderson, Billings Area Restrictions Coordinator	Custer National Forest	657-6205 x239
Ann Boucher, Billings Area Media Coordinator Alternate: Mary Apple	Montana State Office, BLM Montana State Office, BLM	896-5011 896-5258
Tim Button, Fire Management Officer	Custer National Forest	657-6205 x243
Traute Parrie, District Ranger	Beartooth Ranger District, Custer N.F.	446-2103
Douglas Dodge, District Ranger	Musselshell Ranger District, Lewis & Clark N.F.	632-4391
Bill Avey, District Ranger	Big Timber District, Gallatin N.F.	842-5432
Mike Dannenberg, Fire Prevention Specialist	Fire & Aviation, BLM	896-2913
Darrell Kurk, Fire Program Manager	Southern Land Office, DNRC	247-4400
Tom Corbin, Fire Management Officer	Rocky Mountain Regional Office, BIA	247-7949
Gary Hammond, Supervisor	Region 5, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks	247-2951
Linden Schlenker, Chief Ranger	Bighorn Canyon NRA, NPS	307-548-2251
Darrel Krum, Firewarden	Carbon County	446-1038(W) 664-3287(H)
George Bokma, Firewarden	Stillwater County	322-5682(H)/321-0204(C)
Harold Houghton, Asst. Firewarden		322-5312(H)/322-5695(W)
Bill Willems, Firewarden	Treasure County	406-342-5211/690-3873 (C)
Ryan McCleary, Firewarden	Musselshell County	406-861-0160
Jeff Gates, DES Coordinator		406-323-2777/671-9733
Mark Stephens, Firewarden	Sweet Grass County	406-932-5136/932-4675(H)
Matt Redden, Firewarden	Big Horn County	406-665-9860/665-1957 (H)
Jim Kraft, DES Coordinator	Yellowstone County	256-2775(W) 656-0569(H)

APPENDIX C

Standardized Wording for Restriction Stages

To provide for interagency standardization across various ownerships, the following criteria will be used in all restriction documents.

Montana State Fire Season (May 1 through September 30th)

Implement and enforce the State of Montana Fire Rules and Regulations.

Stage I Restrictions: The following acts are prohibited until further notice.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Stage I Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three (3) feet of the device.
3. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorized the otherwise prohibited act.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

Violations:

- You could be fined up to \$5,000 individually or \$10,000 for an organization and imprisonment up to 6 months for violating restrictions and closures.
- You can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages if you start a fire.

Stage II Restrictions: The following acts are prohibited until further notice.

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using fire or campfire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:
 - a. Operating any internal combustion engine
 - b. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.
 - c. Using an explosive.

A one hour foot patrol in the work area is required following cessation of all activities as identified in #3 above.

4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

Appendix C (continued)

Stage II Exemptions:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
3. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.
4. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
5. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.
6. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
7. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
8. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
9. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

Violations:

- You could be fined up to \$5,000 individually or \$10,000 for an organization and imprisonment up to 6 months for violating restrictions and closures.
- You can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages if you start a fire.

Standardized Wording for Area Closure

For Forest Service and BLM closures:

The following acts are prohibited on the (area). Going into or being upon the following described areas is prohibited (filling in the appropriate number from the Code of Federal regulations).

Exemptions:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
3. Owners or lessees of private land in the area.
4. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

Appendix D

Billings Area Contact List 6/23/08

Agency	Name	Address	Phone	Cell	FAX	Email
Lead Agency Administrator	Jim Sparks	5001 Southgate Drive Billings, MT 59101	896-5241			jsparks@blm.gov
Billings Area Restrictions Coordinator	Babete Anderson	1310 Main St, Billings, MT 59105	657-6200 x 239	698-0740	657-6222	branderson@fs.fed.us
Billings Area Media Coordinator	Ann Boucher	5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59101	896-5011		896-5299	aboucher@blm.gov
Alternate Media Coordinator	Mary Apple	5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59101	896-5258			mapple@blm.gov
BLM, Billings Field Manager BLM, Billings Area Restrictions FMO	Jim Sparks Larry Elder Irv Leach	5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59101-6800 1299 Rimtop Drive, Billings, 59105	896-5241 855-0986 896-2940		896-5281	jsparks@blm.gov lelder@blm.gov ileach@blm.gov
Custer National Forest, FMO	Tim Button	1310 Main St., Billings, MT 59105	657-6200 x 243	855-2430	657-6222	tbutton@fs.fed.us
CNF, Beartooth Ranger District, District Ranger	Traute Parrie	6811 Hwy 212 S, Red Lodge, MT 59068	446-2103		446-3918	tparrie@fs.fed.us
CNF, Beartooth Ranger District, FMO	Jeff Stockwell	6811 Hwy 212 S, Red Lodge, MT 59068	446-2103		446-3918	jstockwell@fs.fed.us
DNRC, SLO, Fire Program Manager	Darrell Kurk	1371 Rimtop Dr., Billings, MT 59105	247-4406	672-2990		dkurk@mt.gov
DNRC, SLO, Area Manager	Dick Moore	1371 Rimtop Dr., Billings, MT 59105	247-4401	672-1846	247-4410	ramoore@mt.us
BIA, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, FMO	Tom Corbin Robert Laplant	316 N. 26 th St., Billings, MT 59101	247-7949		247-7921	bia.rmr.fire@gmail.com
BIA, Crow Agency, Forest Manager FMO	Bob Dillon Dale Glenmore Lydina Big Man	P.O. Box 159, Crow Agency, MT 59022	406-638-2391 638-3838		406-638-2866	lydinab@crownations.net
BIA, Northern Cheyenne Agency, Forest Manager	Matt Anderson	P.O. Box 128, Lame Deer, MT 59043	406-477-8261			
Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks	Gary Hammond Bob Gibson	2300 Lake Elmo Dr., Billings, MT 59105	247-2951 247-2950		248-5026	ghammond@mt.gov bgibson@mt.gov
Gallatin N.F., Big Timber Ranger District, District Ranger	Bill Avey	P.O. Box 196, Big Timber, MT 59011	406-932-5155		406-932-5777	wavey@fs.fed.us

Lewis & Clark N.F., Musselshell Ranger District, District Ranger	Douglas Dodge	P.O. Box 1906, Harlowton, MT 59036	406-632-4391		406-632-5643	douglasdodge@fs.fed.us
Bighorn Canyon NRA, Assistant Superintendent Chief Ranger	Bob Byrne Linden Schlenker	20 Hwy 14A, East Lovell, WY 82431 PO Box 7458 5 Ave B, Fort Smith, MT 59035	307-548-2251 x 303 406-666-3316		307-548-7826 406-666-2400	bob_byrne@nps.gov Linden_Schlenker@nps.gov
Carbon County, Firewarden Carbon County, County Commissioner Carbon County Sheriff	Darrel Krum John Prinkki David Davidson Doug Tucker Tom Reiger	17 West 11 th Street, PO Box 887, Red Lodge, MT 59068 102 Broadway Ave N, PO Box 230, Red Lodge, MT 59068	406-446-1038 446-1595 446-1234	425-0121 425-1516	406-446-2640 446-2640 446-1239	dkrum@co.carbon.mt.us commissioners@co.carbon.mt.us trieger@carbon.mt.us
Stillwater County, Firewarden Stillwater County, County Commissioner Stillwater County, Sheriff Stillwater County, DES Coordinator	George Bokma Jerry Friend Cliff Brophy Ken Mesch	P.O. Box 1193, Columbus, MT 59019 P.O. Box 970, Columbus, MT 59019	322-5326/5682(H) 406-322-8012 322-8065	321-0204 321-0956 321-0689	406-322-8007	gramaverne@wildblue.net jfriend@stillwater.mt.gov sheriff@wtp.net commission@stillwater.mt.gov kmesch@stillwater.mt.gov
Treasure County, Firewarden	Bill Willems	P.O. Box 511, Hysham, MT 59038	342-5211	690-3873	406-342-5212	
Musselshell County, Firewarden DES Coordinator	Ryan McCleary Jeff Gates	704 1 st Street East Roundup, MT 59072	323-2777	861-0160 671-9733	323-2367 323-2367	ryanfawne@dishmail.net mscopes@midrivers.com
Sweet Grass County, Firewarden	Cory Conners	P.O. Box 264, Big Timber, MT 59011 or PO Box 435, 111 Anderson, Street	406-932-5384	930-2146		sgparamedic@co.sweetgrass.mt.us
Big Horn County, Firewarden Big Horn County, DES Big Horn County, County Commissioner	Matt Redden Sherry Spencer Ed Auker	P.O. Box 334, Hardin, MT 59034	406-665-9860 406-665-9860 406-665-1731 406-665-9700	679-0516 679-0541	406-665-3465	mredde@co.bighorn.mt.us sspencer@co.bighorn.mt.us eauger@co.bighorn.mt.us cwells@co.bighorn.mt.us
Yellowstone County, Firewarden	James Kraft	P.O. Box 35004, Billings, MT 59107	256-2775(W) 656-0569(H)	208-0569	256-6947	jkraft@co.yellowstone.mt.gov
Shoshone National Forest, AFMO FMO	Rick Connell Mark Giacoletto	808 Meadow Lane, Cody, WY 82414 808 Meadow Lane, Cody, WY 82414	307-578-5180 (307) 578-5123	307-899-0431 307-899-1221	307-578-5112	rconnell@fs.fed.us mgiacoletto@fs.fed.us
Miles City Area Coordinator, BLM	Larry Elder	111 Garryowen Rd., Miles City, MT 59301	406-896-2902	406-855-0986	406-896-2950	ledler@blm.gov
Lewistown Area Coordinator, BLM	Karly Krausz	P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160	406-538-1080		406-538-1904	kkrausz@blm.gov
South central Montana	Julie Shea	P.O. Box 130, Bozeman, MT 59715	406-587-6706			jshea@fs.fed.us

Coordinator, Gallatin National Forest	Marianne Baumberger					mbaumberger@fs.fed.us,
Central Montana Coordinator, Lewis and Clark National Forest	Robin Strathy		406-791-7726		406-731-5302	rstrathy@fs.fed.us
NRCG Restrictions Coordinator	Cathy Scofield	P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807	406-329-3409			cscofield@fs.fed.us

APPENDIX E MEDIA CONTACTS

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Media	Address	Deadline	Phone	FAX	Email
Agri-News	P.O. Box 30755 Billings, MT 59107	5 pm Monday	259-5406	259-6888	editor@imt.net
Billings Gazette	P.O. Box 36300 Billings, MT 59107-6300	End of day	657-1311	657-1208	news@billingsgazette.com
Billings Outpost	1833 Grand Avenue Billings, MT 59102		248-1616	248-2414	editor@billingsnews.com
Laurel Outlook	P.O. Box 278 Laurel, MT 59044	Published Wed.	628-4412	628-8260	news@laureloutlook.com
Western Livestock Reporter	P.O. Box 30755 Billings, MT 59107	5 pm Thurs.	259-4859	259-6888	wlrpubs@imt.net
Yellowstone County News	P.O. Box 395 117 Northern Ave Huntley, MT 59037	Published Wed.	348-2649	348-2650	info@yellowstonecountynews.com
KCTR 102.9 KMHK 95.5/95.1 KBBB 103.9 KKBR 97.1 KBUL 970 AM	Clear Channel Radio 27 N. 27 th Billings, MT 59101		248-7827	252-9577	karenhannah@clearchannel.com
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KBEX KGHL AM- FM KRSQ KZRV	New Northwest Broadcasters 222 N. 32 nd Billings, MT 59101		238-1000	238-1038	info@nnbradio.com
KBSR AM 1490	Big Sky Radio P.O. Box 248 Laurel, MT 59044		628-8271	665-2131	bigskyrad@aol.com
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KTVQ 2 TV	32022 Avenue North Billings, MT 59101		252-5611	869-2249	jstepanek@ktvq.com
KULR 8 TV	2045 Overland Ave Billings, MT 59102		656-8000	655-2688	news@kulr.com
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BIG HORN COUNTY

Media	Address	Deadline	Phone	FAX	Email
Big Horn County News	P.O. Box 926 Hardin, MT 59034	1 pm Tues. Publ. Thursday	665-1008	665-1012	news@bighorncountynews.com
KHDN AM 1230	P.O. Box 230 Hardin, MT 59034		665-2828	665-2131	linda@bigskybriefs.net
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CARBON COUNTY

Media	Address	Publication Deadline	Phone	FAX	Email
Carbon County News	P.O. Box 970 Red Lodge, MT 59068	Published Thursday	446-2222	446-2225	news@carboncountynews.com
The Mountain FM 99	16 Two Mile Bridge Rd Red Lodge, MT 59068			446-9178	fm99mtn@starband.net

MUSSELSHELL COUNTY

Media	Address	Deadline	Phone	FAX	Email
Roundup Record Tribune	P.O. Box 350 Roundup, MT 59072	5pm Monday Published Wednesday	323-1105	323-1761	rtrnews@midrivers.com

STILLWATER COUNTY

Media	Address	Deadline	Phone	FAX	Email
Stillwater County News	P.O. Box 659 Columbus, MT 59019	Noon Tues Published Thursday	322-5212	322-5391	editor@stillwatercountynews.com

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

Media	Address	Deadline	Phone	FAX	Email
Big Timber Pioneer	P.O. Box 190 Big Timber, MT 59011	3 PM Wednesday Published Thursday	932-5298	932-4931	pioreporter@yahoo.com

TREASURE COUNTY

Media	Address	Deadline	Phone	FAX	Email
Hysham Echo??	214 N. 13 th Forsyth, MT 59327		346-7067		

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Media	Address	Phone	FAX	Email
Associated Press	Helena, MT	442-7440	442-5162	hlne@ap.org

We agree to the Billings Fire Restrictions and Closure Plan.

Steve Williams, Supervisor date
Custer National Forest

Jim Sparks, Field Manager date
Billings Field Office
Bureau of Land Management

Tom Corbin, Regional Director date
Rocky Mountain Regional Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dick Moore, Area Manager date
Southern Land Office

Darrell J. Cook, Superintendent date
Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area
National Park Service

Gary Hammond, Supervisor date
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Bighorn County Commissioners date

Carbon County Commissioners date

Musselshell County Commissioners date

Stillwater County Commissioners date

Sweet Grass County Commissioners date

Treasure County Commissioners date

Yellowstone County Commissioners date